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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This IDS is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), after the mail date of either a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance (whichever occurs first), with both:

- (a) a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e); and
- (b) the \$180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO-1449 (Information Disclosure Citation) together with copies of foreign patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the citation of any reference on Form PTO-1449 does not constitute an admission that the reference qualifies as prior art.

It is requested that the information disclosed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

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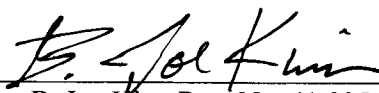
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